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Suly - KOETHEN AIRFIELD (7 - 31 May 1954)

1. Aircraft Count

- (a) 7 - 14 May: 22 MIG - 15s and U-MIGs
 3 YAK - 11s
 6 P.O.2s
- (b) 15 - 24 May: 27 MIG - 15s and U-MIGs
 4 YAK - 11s
 1 LI 2
 6 P.O.2s
- (c) At 1429 hours on 24 May 2 MIG 15s numbered 605 and 1001 took off and flew towards HALLE. They did not return.
- (d) At 0917 hours on the same day 4 MIG 15s, two numbered 906 and 908 flew away towards HALLE and did not return.
- (e) At 1329 hours 3 MIG-15s two numbered 108 and 237 flew away towards HALLE and did not return.

2. Flying activity

- (a) 10 May: 1400 hours: 1 MIG-15 took off, carried out circuits and landed at 1409 hours.
- 1413 hours: 3 MIG- 15s took off, flew in formation to a height of approximately 3,000 metres and landed at 1438 hours.
- 1506 hours: 2 MIG-15s took off and carried out circuits in formation, landing at 1513 hours.
- (b) 13 May: Night-flying by single MIGs took place between 2100 hours and 0300 hours.
- (c) 15 May: Single MIG-15s carried out continuous circuits from 1100 to 1700 hours.
- (d) 24 May: 0900 hours: 1 MIG-15 took off carried out circuits and landed at 0908 hours
- 0939 hours: 2 MIG-15s flew in formation up to a height of approx. 2,500 metres, returning to land at 1001 hours.
- 1118 hours: 1 LI 2 took off and flew towards ZERBST; it did not return.
- 1412 hours: 1 MIG-15 carried out circuits landing at 1421 hours.
- Flying by single MIG-15s continued until 1800 hours.

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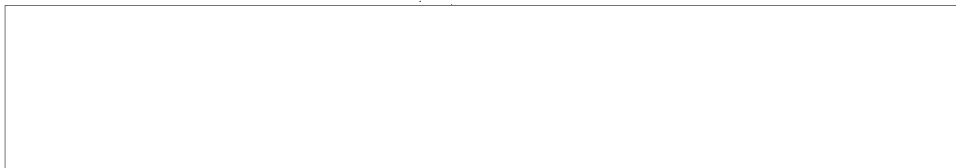
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(e) **Circuit** flying also took place on 22, 26, 27 and 29 May, single MIG-15s taking part.

3. AA Defences

12 x 37 mm AA guns are now sited on the airfield; in addition a total of 8 - 10 searchlights were seen. 50X1-HUM



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